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Corps of Engineers announce barges will travel near Hart-Miller Island until mid-June, resume in October

Baltimore – Officials from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, announced today that dredging work to improve the Baltimore Harbor and Channels will require barges to travel through areas off Hart-Miller Island that are sometimes used by commercial crab and eel fishermen.

The barges will move between the Baltimore harbor and the off-loading site at Hart-Miller Island several times daily until mid-June. The dredging work will resume on October 1, and will continue until February 2003.

The barges will leave the federal channel at the Cut-Off Angle and will take the West Sailing Course, a channel marked by buoys. They will leave the West Sailing Course at 39 degrees 14.368 North, 76 degrees 22.072 West, to go to Hart-Miller at 39 degrees 14.368 North, 76 degrees 21.948 West. They will travel up the coast to 39 degrees 14.641 North, 76 degrees 21.406 West, where they will return to the West Sailing Course at the first point.

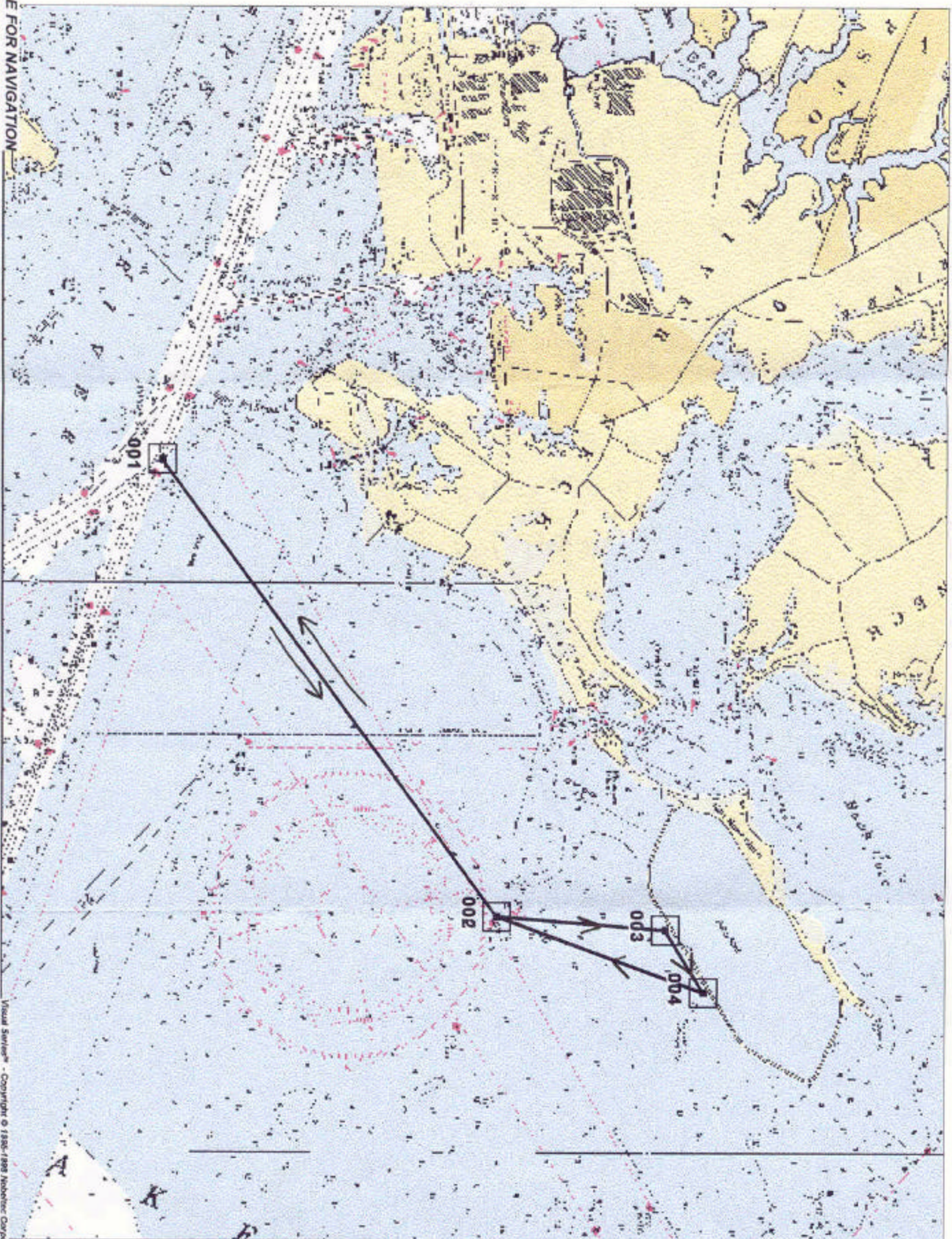
Because of the heavy barge traffic, Corps officials encourage fisherman to avoid these areas until the dredging is halted in mid-June.

"We want the fishing community to know that a lot of barges are moving through there every day. The last thing we want is for someone to lose the equipment they use to make a living," said Russell Marsh, Corps operations manager for the project.

The barge pilots have been instructed to try to avoid crabbing/eeling markers, but they have also been instructed to stay on their approved routes. This makes it likely that anyone leaving crabbing gear in these areas will be adversely impacted by the barges.

"We are asking for help in getting this information out to those who might use these areas," said Marsh.

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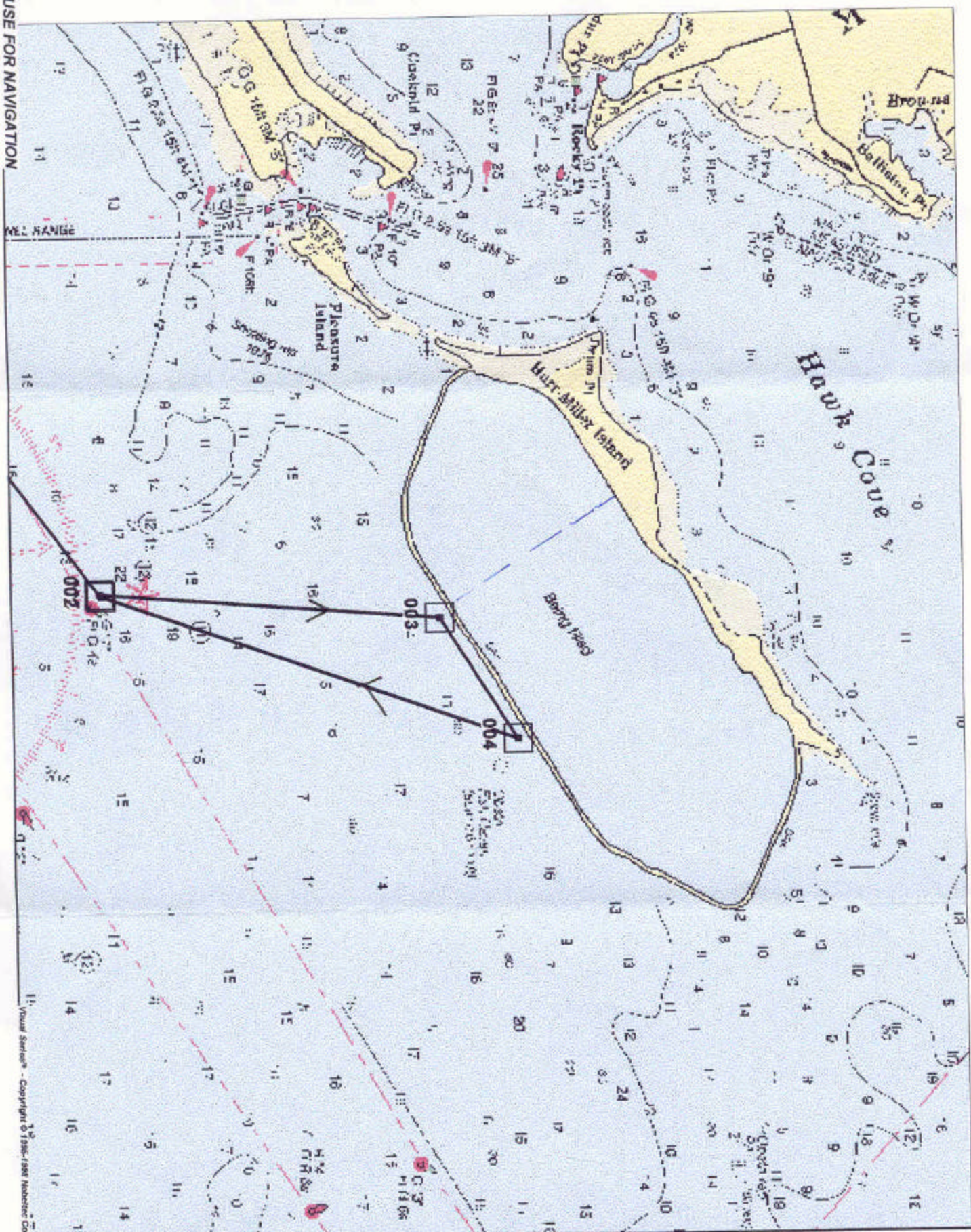
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 λ 76° 26.092 W

002 = L 39° 13.160 N
 λ 76° 22.072 W

003 = L 39° 14.368 N

004 = L 39° 14.641 N

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Positions: 002 = $L 39^{\circ} 13.160'N$
 $\lambda 76^{\circ} 22.072'W$

003 = $L 39^{\circ} 14.368'N$
 $\lambda 76^{\circ} 21.948'W$

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